

~~a hydraulic pump disposed in said casing, said hydraulic pump including a vertical pump shaft also serving as an input shaft and a pump piston disposed parallel to said pump shaft;~~

~~a hydraulic motor disposed in said casing, said hydraulic motor including a motor shaft and a motor piston disposed parallel to said motor shaft; and~~

~~a center section disposed in said casing for fluidly connecting said hydraulic pump and said hydraulic motor with each other, wherein said hydraulic pump and said hydraulic motor are mounted on said center section so that said pump shaft and said motor shaft are disposed perpendicular to each other, and wherein said pump shaft is rotatably supported by said casing and said center section.~~

31. A hydrostatic transmission, comprising:

an axle;

a hydraulic motor including a motor shaft interlocking with said axle, wherein said motor shaft is disposed parallel to said axle; and

a hydraulic pump including a pump shaft, wherein said pump shaft is vertically disposed perpendicularly to said motor shaft between said axle and said motor shaft.

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, independent claims 7-31 are pending in the application, with claims 7, 13, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29, 30, and 31 being the independent claims. Claims 1-6 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 7-31 are added. The subject matter of new claims 7-31 is contained in the application as originally filed. Accordingly, the foregoing amendment does not introduce new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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